

Claims 1-18 and 20-23 are pending. By this Amendment, Claims 1, 4, 7 and 10 are amended, new Claims 21-23 are added, and Claim 19 is canceled.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's indication in the Office Action that Claims 19-20 contain allowable subject matter.

Claim Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Applicants respectfully submit that the incorporation of allowable subject matter from Claim 19 into the independent Claims, and the incorporation of allowable subject matter from Claim 20 into Claims 21-23, obviates this rejection.

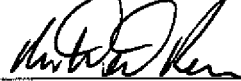
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CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that the pending application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration on the merits and prompt allowance are respectfully requested. In the event any questions arise regarding this communication or the application in general, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

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